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SUBJECT: US CANADA TRANSIT PIPELINE AGREEMENT

1. US NEGOTIATOR, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
JULIUS L. KATZ AND CANADIAN COUNTERPART PAMELA A. MCDOUGALL,
DIRECTOR GENERAL, BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS,
EXTAFF, INITIALLED A DRAFT TRANSIT PIPELINE TREATY ON
JANUARY 28. THE INITIALLING CONCLUDED SUBSTANTIVE
NEGOTIATION ON A GENERAL TREATY WHICH BEGAN IN OTTAWA ON
NOVEMBER 1, 1974. THE TREATY WILL NOW BE REFERRED TO
GOVERNMENTS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. BOTH SIDES AGREED
THAT TEXT OF TREATY SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED AT THIS TIME.

2. US REVIEW PROCEDURES WILL INVOLVE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
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APPROVAL IN THE ENERGY RESOURCES COUNCIL; CONSULTATION

WITH THE CONGRESS AND WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

3. PRESS GUIDANCE: BOTH PARTIES AGREED TO FORMALLY
ANNOUNCE THE INITIALLING IN A PRESS RELEASE AT 12 NOON, EST,
JANUARY 29. THE TEXT OF THE US STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

....ON JANUARY 28, THE CHIEF US AND CANADIAN NEGOTIATORS
....INITIALED A DRAFT TEXT OF A GENERAL AGREEMENT COVERING

TRANSIT PIPELINES. THIS AGREEMENT WOULD PROVIDE
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES ON A RECIPROCAL
.... BASIS REGARDING NON-INTERFERENCE WITH AND NON-
.... DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF HYDROCARBONS TRANSPORTED
.... IN PRESENT OR FUTURE PIPELINES WHICH CROSS THE
.... TERRITORY OF EITHER COUNTRY.

.... THE AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT WILL NOW BE REFERRED TO
.... THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.
.... AS PART OF THE US PROCEDURE, CONSULTATIONS WITHIN
.... THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, WITH THE CONGRESS AND IN-
.... TERESTED PARTIES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO FINAL
.... APPROVAL.

4. DEPARTMENT IS STRESSING IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS THAT
THE TREATY IS RECIPROCAL, GENERAL AND NEUTRAL WITH
RESPECT TO THE CHOICE BETWEEN A TRANS-CANADA ROUTE OR AN
ALASKAN-LNG ROUTE FOR DELIVERY OF PRUDHOE BAY NATURAL GAS.

5. COPIES OF THE AD REFERENDUM TEXT WILL BE POUCHED TO
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